

Remarks

Claims 1 and 45-54, 56-76, and 80-94 are pending. Claims 2-44, 55, and 77-79 have been canceled. Entry of the amendment is respectfully requested. No new matter has been added.

Reasons for the Amendment

As discussed in more detail hereinafter, the Office was only authorized to cancel claims 55 and 77-79 by Examiner's Amendment. However, the Examiner's Amendment dated July 22, 2005 inadvertently inserted unacceptable typographical errors into the claims. For example, a review of the independent claims shows at least the following inserted typographical errors: "IRFDI" in claim 1, line 11; "RF1D" in claim 66, line 4; "representative of characteristic" in claim 87, line 7; and "Eddy current *type*" in claim 87, line 16. Additional typographical errors may likewise occur in the dependent claims in the Examiner's Amendment.

The amendment presented herein removes the typographical errors that were inadvertently inserted by the Office. The amendment presented herein presents a clean version of the claims that were previously presented in the amendment filed March 1, 2005, along with the cancellation of claims 55 and 77-79. No new matter has been added.

Comments on the Substance of the Interview

An interview was conducted on June 22, 2005 between Examiner Steven Paik and a representative (Daniel Wasil, Reg. No. 45,303) of Applicants. An agreement was reached that claims 55 and 77-79 would be canceled by Examiner's amendment to place the application in condition for allowance. No other amendments were authorized. Claims 1 and 45-54, 56-76, and 80-94 would remain pending. The courtesy of the Examiner is greatly appreciated.

Comments on the Statement of Reasons for Allowance

Applicants acknowledge the Office's admission that the pending claims are patentable over the references of record. Applicants respectfully submit that while the specific features and relationships mentioned in the statement of reasons for allowance are not disclosed or suggested in the prior art, these are not necessarily the only recited features and relationships which are not found in the prior art. Furthermore, the statement indicates a general paraphrasing of some claim language, and not necessarily the exact claim language. It should be understood that the allowed subject matter is to only be limited by that subject matter which is specifically recited. The statement refers to subject matter (or language) which is not recited in all of the claims. For example, but not necessarily all-inclusive, not all claims require "a biasing mechanism", a "target", "an Eddy current" sensor, "Ferrite", a "target utilizing an Eddy current type distance sensor or Ferrite", "a RFID tag reader", or that "identification data is remotely read by a RFID tag reader". Any remarks in the statement of reasons for allowance which narrow the actual recited subject matter should be disregarded.

Conclusion

Entry of the Amendment and Comments herein is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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